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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, March 17.

A Havas message states —
French newspapers give much prominence to the serious position of the press created by the shortage of printing paper. The price has increased nine-fold since 1914 and several newspapers announce an increase in price.
The success of the Pasteur antirabic serum during 18 months in England and Wales is very remarkable. The serum was injected in 90 people bitten and not one got hydrophobia.
Parisian taxmen have doubled the fares a week ago the public is on strike. Many taxmen now offer the old rate.
The Council of Ambassadors yesterday considered situation created by recent events in Germany. It is believed that definite action has been taken. German officials at the Legation were busy during the afternoon. Herr Mayer asked for an audience with M. Millerand to communicate a message from the Ebert Government. Nothing was published. At Stuttgart the French Charge d'Affaires will maintain diplomatic relations with the constitutional government. He is in constant touch with the President of the peace delegation.

DISHONEST CADDIE.

Sergt. Caygill this morning charged a Chinese before Mr. R. O. Hutchison with the unlawful possession of a golf ball, and a golf club head.
The defendant pleaded "not guilty."
The sergeant said he could not prove the case against the defendant with regard to the ball, and asked that the ball be left out of the question.
His Worship agreed.
A Chinese detective said he was walking in Reclamation on the 19th inst. when he saw the defendant exhibiting the club head to some Chinese. He asked the defendant where he got it from, and the defendant said he picked it up on the golf links. Witness thought the story very improbable, and arrested the defendant.
Lieut. Col. Crosse then went into the witness box and identified the club head as his wife's property. He said that when his wife went to the Golf Club on the 19th inst. the club was in her bag. In the evening of the same day, he received a telephone message that a Chinese had been arrested with a club head in his possession. Witness then looked into his wife's bag, and found her club head was missing. "A stone" was in its place in the bag.
The defendant said he emptied the contents of the bag to clean them, and forgot to put the club head back. As Mrs. Crosse had already left the Club when he discovered his mistake, he put it in his pocket together with the ball which also belonged to Mrs. Crosse, and which she had lost while golfing, with the intention of returning them to her when next she went to the Club. He was going home for his dinner when he was arrested by the detective.

Sergt. Caygill said the story was different from what the defendant told him at the station soon after his arrest. He then told witness that he was taking the club head to Lane, Crawford's to have it repaired for a Naval Officer. Witness asked him whether he had received any money to pay for the repairs, and the defendant said he was going to borrow some money on behalf of the Naval Officer and pay for the repair of the club.
Three weeks.

PERSONALIA.

Miss Edith Page, who has just come from Singapore to reside here, is a new star in our literary firmament. While still at school in Singapore, during the war, she won the \$200 prize offered for the best poem on the death of Edith Cavell. The prize, as well as all the proceeds from the sale of the poem, she donated to the Red Cross fund. Her father is Captain Page of the Douglas company's steamer Hainong, now in dry-dock.

Among the passengers of the Pacific Mail steamer Ecuador, which left for Shanghai this morning, is Miss MacCallum of the Rockefeller Institute at Peking. Miss MacCallum was the first woman in America to graduate in hospital dietetics. After filling important positions in the U. S. A., she was selected by Mr. Rockefeller for the Peking staff. She is now the head of the department doing research work on the values of Chinese food stuffs.

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The second ordinary annual general meeting of the Hongkong Automobile Association will be held on Tuesday, March 30, to receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts to December 31, 1919, etc. The accounts are as follow:

RECEIPTS.	
To Balance brought forward from last year	\$ 679.33
To Entrance Fees and Subscriptions —	
95 Entrance Fees at \$5...	\$475.00
190 Subscriptions at \$5...	\$950.00
	\$1,425.00
To Sale of Association Badges — 79 Badges at \$3 each	237.00
To Interest on Current Account	25.72
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EXPENSES.	
By Printing and Stationery	\$162.40
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By Meeting Expenses	5.00
By Clerical Assistance, &c.	104.50
	\$309.57
By Red Cross Motor Ambulance	205.00
By Badges	125.00
By Balance in Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	1,727.48
	\$2,367.05

BRIDEGROOMS' POOR MEMORIES.

The Rev. George Harvest was to have been married to the daughter of Bishop Compton, of London, but on the morning fixed for the ceremony forgot all about it and went off fishing. Much indignation was felt by the bride and her friends, and the engagement was broken off. But the reverend gentleman's second engagement was equally unsuccessful. Once more he forgot to come up to the altar, and lost his expectant bride in consequence.

M. Pasteur was a scientist of wonderful concentration in his work. So absorbed was he in a problem on the day of his marriage that he kept his bride waiting an hour at the altar without putting in an appearance. A search being instituted, he was traced to the University, where he was found at work in his laboratory, having forgotten all about his wedding day.

After Thomas Edison's wedding he returned to his workshop, and became so engrossed in the problem then under attention that he entirely forgot his newly-made wife and stayed away from her for forty-eight hours.
When John Kemble, the gifted tragedian, was married, he returned to the stage to play Hamlet on his wedding-even. Whether his mind became so absorbed in the character as to exclude all other matters of vital importance, we cannot say, but for the time he forgot his waiting bride, and what had betfallen him on that fateful day, and went off to his own rooms in the Temple on the conclusion of the performance at the theatre.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

DISTURBED IRELAND.

New York, March 18th.
Mr. De Valera, from the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral, reviewed a semi-military procession, estimated to contain 25,000 men, including 1,000 Indians.
The Governor of New York State and the Mayor of New York occupied the reviewing stand.

GERMANY'S BREACH OF TREATY TERMS.

PARIS, March 18th.
The conference of Ambassadors decided to draw the attention of the Dutch Government to the German war material repeatedly traversing Dutch territory, contrary to the Peace Treaty.

BRITISH LABOUR.

LONDON, March 18th.
The Miners' Federation waited on the Prime Minister, Mr. Bonar Law, Sir R. S. Horne, and other members of the Government, and submitted a demand for a daily increase of wages of 3s. for men and 18d. for boys.
Mr. Lloyd George suggested that the demand should first be examined by the Coal Controller and the coal-owners. The Federation agreed to meet the Coal Controller in this connection to-morrow.

THE FATE OF TURKEY.

WASHINGTON, March 18th.
It is semi-officially announced that President Wilson has informed the Acting State Secretary that he favours the election of the Turks from Constantinople. This view will be duly conveyed to the Allies.

LONDON, March 18th.
It is reported that the commander of the Turks in Thrace refuses to accept orders from Constantinople. He has denounced the Armistice and states that armed compulsion will be opposed. He proposes to establish a Government at Adrianople.

UNREST IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, March 18th.
The Baltic troops assembled in the Wilhelmstrasse and the Unter den Linden, in marching order and with flags flying. Prior to their departing, immense crowds jeered and booed the troops who, enraged, fired twice, wounding several.

AMSTERDAM, March 18th.
A telegram from Berlin says that the Cabinet will be constituted to-morrow. It will include Herr Schiffer as Chancellor, General von Seeckt as Minister for War and Herr Cund, manager of the Holland-America Line, as Minister for Finance.
The situation in Berlin is regarded as not very serious, although there is general uncertainty as regards the attitude of the troops throughout Germany.

PARIS, March 18th.
The German Peace Delegation states that the direction of affairs in Berlin is in the hands of President Ebert, and the Minister of Justice, Herr Schiffer.
The Delegation denies the statement that a Soviet Republic has been proclaimed in Berlin.
It is understood that the Spartacist movement continues in the suburbs, but its strength has been exaggerated by the militarists with a view to forcing the co-operation of all Parties in the new Ministry.

COPENHAGEN, March 18.
A telegram from Berlin says that one of Dr. von Kapp's last official acts was to conclude an agreement with the Constitutionalists for an amnesty for himself, his Staff, and his troops. Acute tension was prevailing in Berlin last night—the fear being that there would be a clash before the Lutwitz troops evacuated.

The records of the casualties throughout the country as a result of the five-day Kapp regime show that many hundreds are dead.

The general strike of the railwaymen has been declared off.
Serious risings are reported from Dusseldorf, Dortmund and Halle. At Dortmund, heavy fighting occurred between the regular troops and the workmen. The latter were victorious, and took possession of the town. Many were killed and wounded on both sides.

It is reported that Herr Noske is resigning. It is anticipated that a professional soldier will become War Minister.

HUNGARY.

BUKHAREST, March 18.
M. Averescu has formed a Cabinet. The act is tantamount to the dismissal of M. Vaidavovod.

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table fans, brass flower pots, electro-
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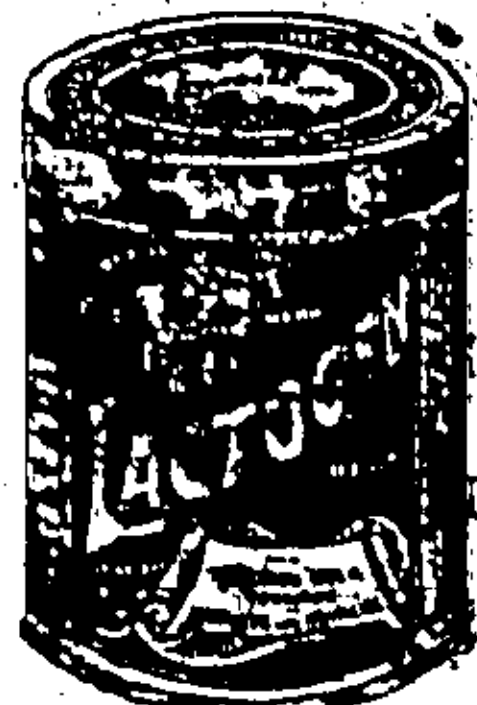
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SURGICAL RESEARCH—

A NEW ASSOCIATION.

Considerable interest attaches to the new movement for bringing together medical men in the British Isles who are specially interested in the practice of surgery. Hitherto British surgeons have had no common home, but have been attached mainly according to the place of their early training to the three colleges of surgeons. Of course, the several universities have conferred degrees in surgery, which have always had a high value, but it has been customary for doctors taking up surgery to seek admission to the august fellowship of one of the Royal colleges. London medical men, not unnaturally, look to the Royal College of England as the true temple of surgery, and to hold the privileges of "Fellow" at the time-honoured building in Lincoln's Inn-field has always been a coveted distinction, one, indeed, that has been a *sine qua non* for candidates for the best surgical appointments in the metropolis. True it is that the examinations which have to be passed before a man can write F.R.C.S. Eng. after his name call for an extremely high standard and an intellectual display not surpassed by those of any other medical qualification. Nevertheless the alumni of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (F.R.C.S.E.) and Ireland (F.R.C.S.I.) have not infrequently felt that sufficient value has not been given to their own fellowships; that, indeed, these distinctions should have much greater weight in the selection of candidates for important London hospital appointments. This rivalry has scarcely encouraged the arrangement of conferences at which Fellows of all three Royal colleges have met and exchanged views, whilst the tendency to disunity has clearly not been to the advantage of British surgery as a whole.

INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER.

The new association, which is a suggested organisation outlined by Sir Rickman Godlee, should serve to provide a common meeting-ground for surgeons from all parts of the British Isles. It is, moreover, to have as well an international character, in that it will be used to link up British surgery with the surgical school in America, France, and Italy. It is particularly to be noted that the new association will not be just one more medical society of the kind with which all doctors are familiar, but will constitute a centre for stimulating research, and at the same time give opportunities for eminent surgeons to put forward tentative views before their fellows in a semi-confidential way, and at stages of their investigation when they would hesitate to make a definite official pronouncement as to their results. Such opportunities are

badly needed, as at the present time, outside private gatherings, surgical investigators have no opportunity of having their results to date reviewed and discussed, for papers read at the regular medical societies inevitably become published widely, and representatives of the leading medical journals are usually present to note what is said. The feeling that such semi-private conferences amongst surgeons are possible will doubtless encourage many to seek the advantages of early criticisms of their research work, secure in the knowledge that their results will not be made public prematurely and their scientific reputation thus jeopardised.

It is probable that the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland will require certain qualifications for fellowship, and in any case will not admit more than 250 active members at first. So far as has at present been decided, its meetings will be held frequently, with an annual conference in the spring of each year. Sir John Bland-Sutton, whose name has been for so many years associated with the Middlesex Hospital, will be the first president of the new surgical body, and after its inauguration it is anticipated that medical men will soon learn to find in the "British Journal of Surgery" the conclusions arrived at by its meetings.

ORIGIN OF THE SCHEME.

The idea of forming the association, which held its inaugural meeting, was adumbrated nearly six years ago, for it was on March 30, 1914, that Sir Berkeley Moynihan wrote to Sir Rickman Godlee, pointing out that "England was almost alone in providing no adequate occasion for a fully representative debate on surgical topics." At a subsequent meeting held on May 26, 1914, at the Royal College of Surgeons, a committee was appointed to draw up rules, which, after discussion by the committee from time to time, were submitted to last Thursday's meeting. Speaking at that gathering, Sir Rickman Godlee said that though the admission of women was not mentioned in the rules, he thought that as they stood women would be eligible.

A leading surgeon at one of the big London hospitals remarked to a representative of the Daily Telegraph: "We have all felt for many years that we are so busy in our own hospitals that we are not able to keep up to date with what other men are doing. The membership of the association will consist of those who are entirely given up to the practice of surgery, or of surgical work. At present it is an association of surgeons of teaching and practising hospitals, not only in London, but of country hospitals and those in provincial towns as well." A prominent London authority on surgery described the new association as a scientific society for the untrammelled discussion of questions connected with surgery. The member-

SOMETHING OF A CLIMB.

At the Marconi works at Chelmsford, where the emergency calling device was on view recently, says the *Morning Post*, there is a wireless mast 450 ft. high, or higher than the cross on the top of St. Paul's. A short time ago the highest part of it was broken by a gale, and the question of repairing it arose. Ladders were out of the question. But the difficulties did not daunt one of the workmen, who noticed that the mast was made of quarter sections bolted together and then fitted one on top of the other. He asked, and was given permission, to try his luck. He made himself a belt at the two ends of which were rings that would slip over the ends of the bolts. He also made for each hand a ring that fitted the bolts. Thus equipped he started to mount on high, the bolts being his only means of support. On the first day he swarmed up 200 feet, fitted the tackle, and descended to earth, for it was too cold to proceed further. On the second day he was hoisted up the 200 feet, and then, hand over hand by means of his rings and bolts, he got to the top of the mast, where he effected the necessary repairs. The last 250 feet of climbing was done in an hour. And the man, whose name was Post, was fifty-five years of age.

ship will be limited to surgeons of standing, who will be able to give in detail and have discussed in private, probable, but not so far actual, new discoveries in the science of surgery. Already similar associations exist in America and France, and it is anticipated that the setting up of one in this country will make the arrangement for international conferences among surgeons much more simple than has been the case in the past. The immediate idea, however, is for members of the newly-formed association to meet from time to time at different centres in the United Kingdom. For instance, at a meeting held in London, surgeons from Scotland, Ireland, and the provinces would have the benefit of hearing and discussing the experiences of leading London surgeons. The result would be similar when the association met at Edinburgh, Dublin, Manchester, or Liverpool. Surgeons would know when and for where the meetings were arranged, so that if they had, or thought they had, made any important surgical discoveries they would be in a position to describe them in the fullest manner to their colleagues. As to the publication of such papers, this has not yet been decided. It will be confined to the *British Journal of Surgery*, which is to be regarded as the official journal of the association.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE above mentioned vessel having

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tioned Ports, Consignees of cargo are
hereby informed that they must take
immediate delivery of same from
alongside, and all cargo impeding dis-
charge will be landed at their risk and
expense into the Pacific Mail Steam-
ship Company's godowns at West
Point, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees are hereby notified that

General Average has been declared
and before delivery of cargo can be
given to must sign General Average
Bonds, furnish completed valuation
statements and pay a General Average
contribution of 1/8 of the in-
voice value of the goods.

Consignees of cargo are hereby
notified that they must produce an
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tendent of the Imports and Exports,
Hongkong, before Bills of Lading
can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged
goods are to be left in the godowns,
where they will be examined on
March 25, at 10 a.m., and March
26, at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within
a week of the steamer's arrival here
after which they cannot be recognized.

No claim will be admitted after the
goods have left the godowns, and all
goods remaining undelivered after
March 26, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be
accepted.

Consignees are requested to send in
their Bills of Lading for countersigning
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Hongkong, March 18, 1920.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to
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kong Police Reserve to FORTHWITH
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9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

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E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police.

Hongkong, March 22, 1920.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN

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THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY

ANNUAL MEETING OF

SHAREHOLDERS in the Company

will be held at the Offices of the

Company, St. George's Building, No.

6 Connaught Road on SATURDAY,

the 27th March, 1920, at 11 a.m. for

the purpose of receiving a Statement

of Accounts and the Report of the

General Managers for the year end-
ing 31st December, 1919, and electing

a Consulting Committee and Audi-
tors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the

Company will be CLOSED from

SATURDAY the 20th March, 1920,

until SATURDAY, the 27th March,

1920, both days inclusive.

SEEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 19, 1920.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA

DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the ORDINARY YEARLY

MEETING of Shareholders will be

held in the Office of the Company, 2

Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on

SATURDAY, 27th March, 1920, at

Noon, for consideration of the Di-
rectors' Report and Statement of Accounts

for the year ending 31st December,
1919.

The SHARE REGISTER and

TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED

from the 19th to the 27th March, 1920,

both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 19, 1920.

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HONGKONG CLUB

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH YEARLY

GENERAL MEETING of the

Members of the Hongkong Club will be

held in the Club House on MONDAY,

March 29th, 1920, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. H. P. HAY,
Chairman.

Hongkong, March 19, 1920.

HONGKONG CLUB

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

an EXTRAORDINARY GEN-
ERAL MEETING of the Members of the

Hongkong Club will be held in the

Club House, Connaught Road Central,

Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the

Twenty-Ninth day of March, 1920,

immediately after the Yearly General

Meeting, when a Resolution is detailed

in the notice published in the Club

House will be proposed as an Extra-
ordinary Resolution.

Should the Resolution be passed by

the required majority it will be sub-
mitted for confirmation at a Special

Resolution to a Second Extraordinary

General Meeting which will be subse-
quently convened.

Dated the 19th day of March, 1920.

By Order of the General Committee,

C. H. P. HAY,
Chairman.

Hongkong, March 19, 1920.

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS

AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the

Members of the ASSOCIATION

OF EXPORTERS & DEALERS OF

HONGKONG, will be held on TUES-
DAY, March 30th, 1920, at 4 p.m. pre-
cisely, in the CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE ROOM, CHARTERED BANK

BUILDING, for the following

purposes:—

1. To receive the Report and Ac-
counts of the Committee for the

year ended 31st December, 1919.

2. To elect a New Committee.

3. To transact any General business.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 19, 1920.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1920.

"RETURNING TO NORMAL."

The British Chamber of Commerce Journal has a timely article on the glib use of this misleading phrase, but scarcely does it full justice. The phrase is not harmless where it conveys the impression that things will ever again be just as they were before the war. That can never be. The status quo ante such a bellum can never be restored. The world war made a humpty-dumpty of it, and all the clever inventors have so far failed to discover a process of unscrambling eggs. Upon the Gramscian hills, young Normal's father will no more feed the same flocks; they are gone with the snows of yesterday. For normal after all means now, and the now of now is never the same as the now that was then. It is not, as the Journal correctly points out, a synonym for average. It means, though the Journal says it does not, something we regard as usual, and nothing is usual for ever. The Journal says that "the conception of time" must not be introduced; but there is nothing usual which is usual for ever, and there is no norm (even in economics) that remains the standard or criterion for ever. Peace is normal, and war should be abnormal, but it isn't. At one time war was normal and peace infrequent and brief, so that the factor of time must be included in any consideration of the meanings of the word. Perhaps the closest to an interchangeable term is the word "natural," and this would go a long way toward obliging our erudite contemporary by shutting out the factor of time. When, however, we come down to the sense in which company directors habitually use it, we find them promising shareholders a return to conditions that were normal at a certain time (pre-war) and in certain (pre-war) circumstances. That time is gone. Those circumstances have departed for ever. The normal is the equilibrium that we will no doubt soon get used to, as soon as we make up our minds that it is useless to yearn for the "dear dead days, beyond recall." What are being called "normal prices" should be called "former prices." It is more than doubtful that they will ever again be normal. For example, as the Chamber of Commerce Journal

honestly recognizes, labour costs cannot possibly return to the norm of pre-war days. They were not even normal then, but sliding. We are in agreement with our contemporary's warning, with which it concludes: "The conditions which determine how many hours a man shall work, the quality of his work, the scale of his wages, the reward of capital, the relation of Government to business, the very objects, even, of business itself, none of these is likely to return to what we have been accustomed to regard as normal."

ADVERSARIA.

Are editors pan-auctionstone, jandrams? If not, aut nullus. why was the Adversarian muzzled yesterday? To-day he will either say his say about the War Memorial, and the committee thereof, or there will be no Adversaria. They don't yell. "We want Adversaria," we don't know them. Moreover, that old ass who writes the leaders cannot be allowed in the pompous style he affected yesterday to show condescension to a colleague of whom he is at heart jealous. He was far too easy on the Clique. He didn't say outright what he was evidently minded to say. And the talk about "treating the subject seriously" was the most transparently serious. There is nothing more serious than satire, nothing more fatal to pretentiousness than fun. Do you suppose that grown-up businessmen, influential taipans, would have taken such serious and conspicuous notice of a circumlocutory leader? They would not. It was the straight from the shoulder jibes in this column that galled them, pierced their complacency, and brought them apologising and denying and explaining into the open. "Vote of confidence," indeed. They wanted it and needed it in the sorest possible kind of way. The cap had fitted.

Who empowered the committee to decide what form the war memorial should take, to decide what site it should occupy, and what it should cost? In proposing that only those who subscribe should be invited to help in selecting the design, is not the committee doing the right thing in part only and too late? Those who pay the piper should be trusted with a

larger share of responsibility than that. They should be given a voice on the far more important proposition of what form the memorial should take, and where it should be put. There are no subscribers yet, and after the way in which this small group of men has gone about the business, arrogating far more authority than was ever offered to it, we fear there will be many hold aloof who had fully intended to subscribe. Many of them are indignant, and are privately encouraging the China Mail to keep this point of view to the fore.

In alleging that "gratuitous insult" was expressed in Saturday's Adversaria were a "gratuitous insult" to the members of the committee ("some of whom don't even belong to the Club") Mr. Johnstone cannot have been aware of how widely those views were and are entertained in the colony. Perhaps he is not aware that there is a large and growingly articulate section of the public which feels it a real insult that it should have its own affairs taken up and dominated and decided by small cliques of men in whose democratic sympathies it has no confidence. This is so. Personally, the Adversarian considers, and so advises all his numerous friends and acquaintances, that the very last man to be entrusted with so much discretion in public affairs should be the head of Jardine's firm on which the prosperity of Hongkong no longer depends, if it ever did. Especially, moreover, when that head has gone out of his way to insult the public by openly flouting public opinion. Must we for ever estimate the size of our public men by the size of the firms they happen to represent?

We do not seriously expect to subscriptions, get the representation that is supposed to go with British taxation. The time is not yet. As for government and government affairs, we must continue to put up with "nominated" men, "nominated" committees, or committees that appoint themselves. But in ostensibly public affairs, where public addresses and public subscriptions are called for, we say that the public should be allowed to select its own committees, give them its own instructions, and have its own way. You may not believe it, but the Adversarian does not even now know who is on the sub-committee that settled this public business. Until Mr. Johnstone stepped into the limelight on Monday night as his chairman, he didn't know that he was on it. It is none of his business to know such things. But whoever they are, and without the least desire to "insult" them, he would not pass a vote of confidence in them in such a matter and on such an occasion. They may be a "representative" committee, but they represent the wrong crowd. They are out of sympathy with the subscribing public, and they will find that the subscribing public is out of sympathy with them, if they persist in their present unpopular course.

Which of them is THE CLUB. Not a member of the Club? Great interest is now being taken in that. It seems to the Adversarian that in mentioning that Mr. Johnstone tried to prove far too much. He would have been wiser to say simply that membership of the Club had nothing to do with it. Many men would have believed that, as they still do; but on the other hand more men would have pointed out its injustice, and that such an allegation cannot properly be advanced against any body of men without proof. It is not for any man to prove their honesty, but for their critics to prove their dishonesty, if they suspect it. As a matter of common gossip, it may now be stated that the violence with which Mr. Johnstone attacked the arguments in this paper has satisfied quite a lot of men that there is no further need to prove the connection between the sub-committee's decision, and the recognized interests of the Club. When Tommy is seen coming from the direction of the pantry, without the slightest jam stains upon him, the worst that can be said is that he came that way. But if he bursts into tears when asked where he has been, and angrily cries that he never, never touched the jam, the shrewd parent cannot avoid a certain suspicion. If he assumes such a look of heavenly virtue as must sit ill upon any normal small boy, and accuse the cat of "gratuitous insult" because it happens to be washing its whiskers at that moment, what are we to think?

Just as we claim the right to express opinions of all shades, emanating from all sides and sections, so naturally we concede that right to others. We would rather, naturally, that Mr. Johnstone had replied in our own columns, but the time and place he chose for appearing as were both correctly chosen. Even his tone was justifiable. We like straight

talk and hard hitting, and phrases like "gratuitous insult" don't count more to us than counters in a game, as it were poker chips. White chips, red chips, blue chips, our motto is "let 'em all come." But next time the panjandrum wants to go for us, we recommend them to put their man into better training. We come out of this round without a scratch, and haven't had enough exercise to keep us warm.

With one eye on the LLOYD, immediate gallery, that GEORGE'S redoubtable pugilist BLOOMER, Lloyd George, in replying to the delegation of Indian Moslems about Turkey, overlooked the far larger audience that will yell with laughter when Reuter tells the tale. There were seventeen different ways of sending those delegates away satisfied, and he missed them all. Instead, he perpetrated this howler, that "we were not going to abandon in the case of Moslem countries like Turkey the principles we had ruthlessly applied to Christian countries like Germany and Austria. Christian countries like Helvetia."

Answering the argument that we should be content to say "British subject" instead of "Britisher," a writer in Shanghai says: "The word 'subject' has acquired a continuously unpleasant sense, as opposed to 'citizen.' I have heard a leading Australian (M.P. at the time) say publicly, 'No, Sir, I am a subject of no man. I am a citizen of the British Empire.' Subject? States, etc., have not a welcome sound."

Of the making of IRRITATIONS, books there is no end, and for soul irritations there is nothing more capable than printers' ink. Some Gilead where the printed word can never obtrude is the desire of the soul that would know peace. Just imagine coming across a reference to Nicholas Mercator, and a description of that great man as a descendant of the Kauffmans of Prague in Bohemia coadjutors with Luther in the Reformation. That is like saying that Charles Darwin was a descendant of a great grandmother who was secretary for the Parish Sewing Guild of Married Ladies. Mercator was big enough to do without ancestors.

Samivel's letter to-day speaks for itself. There is a letter from the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie, who seems shocked at the idea that for business reasons men here may occasionally conceal their real opinions. If he disbelieves that, we admire his innocence, but must point out that he is not in business and doesn't know. We should also object to his use of the word "hinted." We didn't hint it; we said it; and we say it again. Good Lord! It is notorious. Men themselves have come to us, supplied us with bullets to shoot, and begged us to be very careful not to reveal their names, giving us their reasons for it. Mr. Macdonachie overlooks the now notorious fact that an attempt was made by Mr. Johnstone to make the China Mail alter its "tone" on pain of losing Jardine's advertising. The opinions of Adversaria may be hopelessly wrong, as they are certainly unimportant; but the Rev. Mr. Macdonachie ought to ascertain first whether freedom of opinion is tolerated here, or not, and then take a definite stand for tolerance or intolerance. For which would he stand?

Naturally, Adversaria's serious rejoices over the letter from a Clubman, admitting that he said one very right thing. It was a good point to score, wasn't it? On Saturday he remarked that were he a member of the Club, he would resent the impertinence of showing this monument under its nose. Had he known at the time that it was to be of a \$300,000 size, he would have been even more emphatic. However, it must not now be overlooked that Club interests are definitely ruled out. They didn't and wouldn't consider them. Let us now, therefore, try to stick to the point of the public's objection, now being freely voiced all over the colony, that it does not want a \$300,000 group of tombstones on an \$800,000 site. They are saying that, everywhere, we go. It is understood, of course, that we don't go everywhere. The Adversarian moves and has his social being among the submerged nine-tenths. Do their opinions count? Perhaps not. But their subscriptions do.

Mrs. business offices are needed here in the centre of the city. They are very urgently needed, and would let before completion. Office rents are high. What would happen if a block of business offices were erected on the "finest site"? Rents of business premises would come down a bit. Who wants that? Of more pertinently, who does not want that? For years the people have been grumbling at the way everything here, administration, business, public affairs like this

memorial—everything you can think of—is wangled to suit the "interests." It is said among men that Hongkong is virtually in the pockets of a small group, which we usually refer to as the Gang or the panjandrum. Everybody knows what the China Mail is up against, and a surprising number of people are wishing it success. But until they see for sure that it is winning, they dare not come out in open support. That is the position. That is the issue.

Judging by the fact that many people here are ignorant of the derivation of the word Adversaria, and entertain the notion that it somehow involves an adversary, we fear that a sly dig in the Rev. Mr. Macdonachie's letter will be wasted unless we point it out. He refers to the Adversarian as Adversaria, thereby suggesting that he is the D... I. See the first epistle of Peter, chapter five, verse eight: Good. That's one to him. After all, we are a d... of a fellow.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 5s. 1½d.

Today's return of notifiable disease shows one case of diphtheria, two of enteric, and five of cerebro-spinal fever.

For the theft of a screw knot from the a.s. "Divanongse," a Chinese was this morning sentenced, by Mr. R. O. Hutchison, to one month's hard labour.

British Catholics are holding a meeting in St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road to-morrow evening at 5.15 with the object of establishing a Catholic Men's Club.

An examination of damaged cargo by the a.s. "Ecuador" takes place at 10 a.m. on Thursday and Friday. Rent will be charged an undelivered cargo after Friday.

Through a misunderstanding, it was announced in yesterday's China Mail, that the film "It may be your daughter," will be screened at the Victoria Theatre. It should have read Hongkong Theatre.

The final of the Billiards Championship (1,000 up) will be played this evening at the V.R.C. commencing at 6 p.m. The contestants are P. A. Yvanovich and Mr. S. Gray, and the winner will meet K. K. Leung in the Challenge Round on Friday.

Entries for the tennis tournament in connection with the Kowloon Cricket Club, close to the Hon. Secretary on April 4th. The events include: Championship Singles, Handicap Single "A" and "B," Handicap Doubles and Mixed Handicap Doubles.

Shanghai Hotels Ltd. made a net profit for the year of \$596,437, an increase of \$223,196. They paid a dividend of two dollars per share, and transferred \$330,000 to development and building accounts, with \$15,837 for improvements. They are going to build "the largest hotel in the East," and have got a site on the Bubbling Well Road. It will include a theatre, and cost two million taels.

Finding himself amongst a crowd which was very much interested in the antics of a little bird belonging to a fortune teller, a Chinese pick-pocket got busy. Unfortunately for him, there was a very shrewd detective in the crowd, and as he operated on his victim, he suddenly felt a hand on the scruff of his neck, and the next minute, he found himself marching to the Police Station with the constable, who this morning took Mr. Smith to see the defendant take a silver watch and chain from the pocket of an unsuspecting companion, and grabbed him "red handed," with the watch and chain in his possession. Three months.

For the first time since the outbreak of the war, two Netherlands warships visited Hongkong. These ships—the "Tromp" and the "Hertog Hendrik," which are on their way from Holland via America, to join Dutch East Indies squadron, entered the harbour early this morning, and few people were aware of their presence until the usual salutes were fired at 3.30 o'clock. Capt. B. van der Berg landed officially shortly after 10.30 a.m. He was received on Blakes Pier by Capt. McGrath, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, and a Guard of Honour composed of men of the Wilhelms under Lt. James. After inspecting the guard he was conveyed by motor to Government House. The squadron will remain here for five days and on Friday night the Dutch community will hold a reception at Repulse Bay Hotel.

WALLA WALLAS double-cross the harbour but never double-cross you. Phone No. 3516.

SPECIAL CABLE.

THE SHANGHAI COTTON CASE.

SALE TO JAPANESE FORBIDDEN.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, March 24. Judge Sausmarez has delivered an important judgment declaring as ultra vires the proposed sale of the Shanghai cotton manufacturing company to Japanese interests. An injunction was granted.

RICE TO CUBA.

SEVERAL LINES NOW ENGAGED IN THIS TRAFFIC.

The export of rice from China to Cuba, with the vessels loading this cargo principally at Hongkong, is reaching late tonnage of considerable figures.

Several companies are now engaged in this traffic. Mr. Y. Yasuda, Hongkong Manager for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, claims to be the pioneer inaugurator of the Orient to Cuba service.

This company, commencing this month, will have six steamers of the "A" Class, of 8000 tons gross, on a run from Singapore, via Hongkong, Japan ports, San Francisco, and the Panama Canal, to Cuba, thence to New York, returning by the same route. This means a monthly service.

The vessels designated for the Singapore to New York run are the "Amur Maru," "Alaska Maru," "Amazon Maru," "Altai Maru," "Alps Maru," and the "Atlas Maru."

In addition the Osaka Shosen Kaisha will have three vessels of from 5000 to 6000 tons gross engaged on a run similar to the above except that the ships, instead of proceeding from Cuba to New York, will terminate their voyages at New Orleans, returning by the same route. These vessels will also call at Hongkong. They are the Java Maru, Indo Maru and Malay Maru; but other ships are expected to be assigned as trade develops. At present the service consists of two steamers every three months.

The principal export cargo of these vessels will be rice. Hongkong is the loading port for South China and Indo-China rice, which is brought to this port by feeder lines and assembled here for export.

Cuba is a vast consumer of rice. In addition to the 80,000 tons or so imported into Cuba from America, about 120,000 tons are estimated to be the Hongkong export cargo to Cuba.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha commenced these Cuban trips in April of last year, and the trade is said to be very lucrative, with cargoes plentiful in season.

Other companies, notably the Ellerman & Bucknall Line and some of the Shipping Board operators, are also loading rice at Hongkong for Cuba. The export for last month is said to be upwards of 30,000 tons. The Saigon crop is said to be very good this year, but exports of rice from Bangkok, it is understood, are prohibited.

MARIE TEMPEST COMPANY.

The second performance of "The Duke of Killcraike," at the Theatre Royal, last night, was even better than the first, given the night before.

Miss Tempest was at her best as Mrs. Mulholland, the widow with a temperament for temper; and Mr. Graham Brown was his usual mirth-provoking self in the character of Welby. Mr. P. Miss Addison perfectly, and Mr. Roger Barry was very smooth and fluent as "The Duke." The play is a difficult one to interpret, as there is little or no opportunity for action to relieve any of the situations, and everything depends upon the spoken word or gesture. That the company presented this comedy so well is highly creditable to the organization.

Mr. Kyrie Sylvan acted in a very natural manner the part of Alexander MacBayne, caretaker of the Duke's Castle in Scotland, "Crao O'North." We are pleased to be able to say that the size of last night's audience was an improvement over that of the previous night, and we hope that ever-increasing support will be given by Hongkong to Miss Tempest and her company during their stay here.

Cousin Kate, the England comedy written by Hubert Henry Davis, will be presented to-night, and later, another work by the same author, "Outcast," will be played.

CRICKET.

The following will represent the Club in their League fixture against the I.R.C. on the Club ground next Saturday, 27th instant at 2.15 p.m.—D. P. Donnelly (Capt.) G. Baker, B. A. Brand, A. Burnie, E. W. Day, R. A. Green, W. W. MacKenzie, E. J. Mitchell, P. G. de Paravicini, D. Reid, and H. A. Sawyer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

IN DEFENCE OF THE WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—You state that your space is open to all shades of opinion, so I trust that more partisanship will not prevent your inserting the appreciation of the efforts of the War Memorial Committee. Of course, as a Bolshevik organ, you are unable to appreciate the nobility of the Committee's action in lessening the protection of the interests of the class from the revolutionary candle who seek (1) to attack vested interests by cheapening the price of land and (2) to build further offices and thus permit outsiders to obtain a foothold in that trade which the present oligarchy has so capably handed up to now. In conclusion, I would point out that this Memorial is to a great extent, in commemoration of our employees, men whom we have fed and nourished, men who served our interests during their lifetime, and who must if they are permitted to realize it be gratified by the knowledge that their very death has proved a furtherance of our interests. Yours etc., SAMUEL.

A CLUB MAN'S POINT OF VIEW.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—As a member of the Club, may I point out to you that your contributor of Adversaria in the middle of many very wrong things said one very right thing: "I believe it was absurdly unjust to suggest that in the selection of the 'best site' the Club's interests were considered at all; and so far as I am concerned, I think it would be better for the Club, and better for the City, to leave the open space as it is, unencumbered by such a bulk as a \$300,000 monument is likely to be. The present lawn, with its flowers looks much nicer than any colonnade could do, and we have none of many open spaces." Yours etc., A.P.C.

THE MEETING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—As one of those who, as you say correctly, "at first refrained from holding up their hands" when Mr. Johnstone asked for a vote of confidence at the meeting of the General War Memorial Committee, may I disclaim your suggestion that we might have voted differently had we been allowed to ballot? For my part I had two reasons for reluctance.—1. I was a member of the sub-committee whose recommendations were presumed to be impeached. 2. I thought the criticism was receiving an undue complacency in being taken so seriously. The latter, I believe, was the general opinion of the the meeting, it was at any rate freely uttered where it happened to sit. Presumably Mr. Johnstone had reasons for his action not apparent to the rest of us. Thanks for your interesting "House of Rimmon" paragraph. It is pleasing to have it stated that many of us may have convictions like those of "Adversaria" in private but have not the courage of them in a Committee meeting. Yours etc., J. KIRK MACONACHIE, Hongkong, March 24, 1920.

TENNIS.

HONGKONG C.C. TOURNAMENT.

The games in this tournament last evening resulted as follows:—Championship Singles.—Major Greenaway beat D. J. Vallentine, 6-1, 6-0; M. H. Lo beat Yew Man Tsum, 6-0, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; A. B. Raworth beat J. Kiyaguchi, 6-3, 6-1, 8-6; E. Takenaga beat H. Sakuma, 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 10-9; F. A. Redmond beat A. H. Crook, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; Chua Sin Kah beat Major Leslie Smith, 4-6, 1-6, 9-7, 6-1, 6-2. Handicap Singles.—J. R. Wood and E. W. Hamilton (res.) 3/6 w.o. from G. W. Sewell and C. C. Stark (scr.) Handicap Singles "B."—Pay-Lent Robinson (owes 2/6) beat R. D. Cronan (owes 2/6) 6-1, 7-5. Handicap Singles "A."—Capt. Murray (owes 4/6) beat A. Burnie (scr.), 6-4, 6-2; Capt. Monteith (scr.) w.o. from G. C. Stark (res. 1/6).

DESPONDENCY DUE TO CONSTIPATION.

WOMEN often become nervous and despondent when this is due to constipation. It is easily cured by taking occasional doses of "Laxative Tablets." These tablets are easy to take and pleasant to effect. For sale by all Chemists and Dispensaries.

COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

The forty-second annual general meeting of the China Sugar Refining Company, Ltd., was held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company at 11.30 this morning.

The Hon. Mr. J. Johnstone presided, and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul, C.M.G., Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. G. W. Burton, Consulting Committee, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, Secretary, Mr. G. M. Shaw, Manager, Mr. Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. Lo Sheng, Ip, A. E. Craswell, Lo Chung Shui, Ho Kwong, Lo Man Hin, Ho Shai Kit, J. Baptista, F. M. P. De Grace, F. Hancock, A. M. De Silva, R. E. MacDougal, F. Smyth, P. Tester, M. Croucher, E. Abraham, and O. Kitchell.

The Chairman: There being a quorum present I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The notice having been read,

The Chairman said: The report and accounts, with the Auditors' certificate, having been in your hands for the past week or so, I will, with your permission take them as read.

It is with great pleasure that the General Agents and Consulting Committee find themselves in a position to present so satisfactory a report, and to recommend the payment of a dividend of \$25 per share to shareholders. We feel sure that the proposal to utilise the past year's successful working to strengthen the position of the Company will have your approval, and in this connection I will briefly comment upon the items in the proposed allocation of the profits. In the first place, we propose placing \$500,000 to a reserve account called "Sugar Fluctuation A/C," to offset any violent drop in prices, in addition of which, we propose putting aside \$100,000 to an "Exchange Fluctuation A/C," to minimise losses through fluctuations in the price of silver. I think you will appreciate the need of two such reserves, in view of the present dangerous high level of prices of Raw Sugar, and the enormous changes in exchange rates that have been experienced lately. The setting aside of \$100,000 for Repairs and Renewals is highly essential to enable us to continue the policy of doing everything possible to put the Plant in a thoroughly up-to-date condition, the results of which policy are being shown in a gratifying manner by the more efficient working of the Plant.

We trust that the recommendation to divide an amount not exceeding \$25,000 among the Refinery Staff will meet with your approval, as we think the recognition of their capable and loyal services, often under very trying conditions, is well deserved.

As you will observe, if the allocation of \$500,000 to "Sugar Fluctuation A/C" and \$100,000 to "Exchange Fluctuation A/C" is agreed to, these amounts together with the \$300,000 already standing at credit of "Equalisation of Dividend Fund" will make out total reserves \$900,000, which is something to fall back upon in case of necessity.

As regards the business of the Company during the past year, the predominant feature has been the continued upward trend of prices for sugar throughout the world.

The following figures for Java Raw Sugars give a good example of what has happened in all sugar markets:—

Java Whites at 1/11/10—Glds. 14: at 1/7/19—Gs. 41: at 31/12/19—Gs. 48.

Java Browns at 1/11/19—Glds. 13: at 1/7/19—Gs. 38: at 31/12/19—Gs. 44.

On account of the world shortage of sugar, the demand for our refined sugar has been very strong, and the refinery was working continually during the whole year.

Although at the moment there is no indication of any appreciable fall in prices, it must be remembered that these prices are at a dangerously high level, and should the best crops of Europe assume anything like previous dimensions, the balance between supply and demand would be greatly reduced.

When it is borne in mind that the best crop of Europe for the season 1913/1914, previous to the outbreak of war, was over eight million tons, of which over 2,700,000 tons was contributed by Germany, as against an estimate of less than three million tons for the season 1919/1920, of which Germany's contribution is estimated at about 750,000 tons, it will readily be seen what the possibilities of these markets as sources of supply may mean in the near future.

Whilst, as I have already stated, there is no indication at the moment of any appreciable fall in prices, and consequently the prospects of the Company for the current year so far are favourable, it is quite impossible to forecast what will be the state of the market at the end of 1920, as so many active factors are at work. It has been our policy in the past that movements should not be taken place—on the contrary, they are usually extremely rapid—and it is the possibility of a big slump in prices that has to be guarded against. We consequently ask your unanimous support and approval to the proposed allocation of the profits.

LAUNCH AT KOWLOON DOCK.

The Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. launched at their Kowloon Yard this forenoon the s.s. "War Piper"—the last of six vessels constructed to the order of the British Government.

The "War Piper" is now owned by Mr. Nicholas Eustace Ambatielos of Cephalonia, Greece, who also acquired the s.s. "War Trooper" and "War Scepter" recently completed by the Dock Co.

The dimensions are: Length B.P. 400 feet. Breadth Mid. 52 feet. Depth Mid. 31 feet. Deadweight Capacity 8,000 tons. The Vessel has Triple Expansion Engines diameter of Cylinders 27"—44"—73" x 43" Stroke, and 3 Boilers of the Marine Return Tubular Type 15' 6" dia. x 11' 6" long x 180 lbs. W.P.

The Vessel was successfully launched in presence of an interested gathering, including the scholars of the Kowloon British School; the Christening ceremony being gracefully performed by Mrs. R. M. Dyer, wife of the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES.

Donations already acknowledged.	
Mrs. Russell	\$25.10.0 \$333
Anon	10
Mrs. Congdon	10
Miss Hazeland	10
Nora & Sonnie Branch	15
Lady Chater	50
Mr. & Mrs. Pentreath	100
Mrs. Matheson	10
Melle. Chouquet	1
Anon	1
Mrs. Purves	1
M.C.S.	25
Marjory	10
Mrs. Gedge	25
Mrs. Hall	25
Mrs. Crockett	10
Anon	10
Mrs. Aubrey	1
E.T.	1
Mrs. Wells	2.2.0
Anon	2.0.0
Total	\$39.12.0 \$686

Donations may be sent to Mrs. H. E. Follock, 128 The Peak, Mr. Larder, St. Paul's College or Miss Dawson, Helena May Institute.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and that the balance at credit of Profit & Loss A/C be distributed as follows:—

The payment of a Dividend of \$25 per share	
absorbing	\$500,000.
Place to "Sugar Fluctuation A/C"	500,000.
Place to "Exchange Fluctuation A/C"	100,000.
Place to "Repairs and Renewals A/C"	100,000.

Pay to the Staff as Bonus, a sum not exceeding 25,000.

And carry forward to the new account 33,806.77

After these proposals of mine have been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

Sir Paul Chater:—I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen; If there are no questions, I will ask you to vote in the usual manner on the proposal that the report and accounts as presented, be adopted and passed. Those in favour kindly show in the usual manner. Against? Carried unanimously. The next business before the meeting, gentlemen, is the question of the re-election of the Consulting Committee.

Sir Robert Ho Tung: Mr. Chairman, I beg to propose that the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Mr. F. Maitland, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, and Mr. G. W. Burton, be re-elected members of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Hancock: I have much pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman: It is proposed by Sir Robert Ho Tung and seconded by Mr. Hancock, that Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. F. Maitland, J. W. C. Bonnar, and G. W. Burton be re-elected as members of the Consulting Committee. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual manner. Against? Carried unanimously. The next business before the meeting, gentlemen, is the re-election of Auditors.

Mr. Lo Chung Shui: I beg to propose that Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., be re-appointed Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year.

Mr. Crapnell: I have much pleasure in seconding that proposal.

The Chairman: It has been proposed by Mr. Lo Chung Shui, and seconded by Mr. Crapnell, that Messrs. H. Percy Smith and A. R. Lowe be re-appointed Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year. Those in favour kindly vote in the usual manner. Against? Carried unanimously. This closes the business of the meeting, gentlemen. Dividend warrants can be received from the sugar office on application. Thank you for your attendance.

OBITUARY.

MR. F. ENDEL ROSSER.

Hongkong lost another valued resident to-day by the death of Mr. F. Endel Rosser, the well known architect. The deceased, who was 45 years of age, had been in the Colony for about seven years, first coming out from home to join the firm of Brotherton and Harker as assistant. While on his way out Mr. Rosser died and Mr. Rosser carried on in partnership in the firm until later he set up on his own account.

Mr. Rosser went to the French Convent Hospital for an operation and died from an apoplectic stroke this morning.

He was the son of the Reverend C. A. Rosser, a retired Army Chaplain, and leaves a wife, a daughter, and a son, all of whom are in the Colony.

Mr. Rosser prepared the plans of several buildings in the Colony and was also working on the plans for the new Portuguese Club.

He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, being a member of the Victoria Lodge. The funeral takes place this evening, passing the monument at five o'clock.

MORE ARMED ROBBERS CAUGHT.

A Chinese woman living at No. 63 Hapichong Street reports that at 7.45 p.m. yesterday, a man came to the house and said he had a letter to deliver to her. It was from her husband. While she was conversing with him, four other men rushed in, one armed with a revolver and another with a dagger. They threatened her with death if she shouted. Before she could recover her wits, one of them caught her by the throat, whilst another clapped his hand over her mouth. They were proceeding to tie her up when her amah came in from the kitchen and raised an alarm. The men bolted before they had taken anything from the house. One of them ran into the arms of an Indian constable while the other four got away for a time. Later, they were all rounded up by the Police and removed to the lock up.

PARTNERS LAW SUIT.

RESULT OF ACTION COSTING OVER \$500 DAILY.

Sitting as an additional judge of the Chancery Division, Lord Justice Younger delivered a reserved judgment in a partnership dispute stated to involve a very large sum of money.

The case came on for trial last year, and lasted forty days. The action was brought by Mr. Ernest Hall Craggs, a West Hartlepool shipbuilder, against partner, Mr. Joseph William Isherwood, naval architect and inventor of the Isherwood system of longitudinal ship construction, for an account of the partnership profits and payment of his half share. Mr. Isherwood counterclaimed for an even larger amount, alleging that, in breach of his duty as a partner, Mr. Craggs, having acquired the rival system of Professor Lilliehook, used it in America to the detriment of the Isherwood patents.

Five King's counsel, a number of juniors, and three firms of solicitors were engaged in the case, and, apart from the heavy fees on counsel's briefs the costs were estimated at £500 a day. Mr. Isherwood was in the witness-box six days and Mr. Craggs eight days, and altogether some 13,000 questions were put and answered. During the trial his lordship was promoted to the Court of Appeal, but was at the same time appointed an additional judge of the Chancery Division, so that he might finish the case.

In the course of his judgment, Lord Justice Younger said that Mr. Isherwood's invention, although almost epoch making, was, like many other great discoveries, of the utmost simplicity. For two years the parties worked together harmoniously, and this accounted for the extraordinary success of the invention, a success so remarkable that during that period they had built or had under construction 1,050 vessels of a dead-weight carrying capacity of 82 million tons. The system had been adopted by the British Government, and had become practically universal all over the world. Having reviewed all the evidence, his lordship held that the counter-claim failed, and dismissed it. The form of the order on plaintiff's claim was deferred for subsequent discussion.

His lordship added that it would be a great satisfaction to him if the protagonists would now let bygones be bygones and work together again to develop the great invention, for which Mr. Isherwood deserved the gratitude of everybody who went to sea.

JAVA STEAMER STRANDED.

S.S. "TIJIPANAS" RUNS AGROUND.

The Java-China-Japan Lin Steamer "Tijipanas" ran aground several miles off Cape Kami, about 30 miles distant from Hochow. The vessel was enroute to Hongkong from Batavia with general cargo and 600 deck passengers. She stranded last Sunday. The explanation is not yet known. The local office of the Java Lin was notified by cable of the accident on Monday.

The ship is believed to be in no danger. She had not been floated at the time we went to press this afternoon.

Passengers and cargo are being removed by lighter and no difficulty is anticipated in floating the vessel after being sufficiently lightened.

The superintendent of the Talkoo Dockyards proceeded by tug to the scene yesterday to assist in the work of freeing the grounded vessel. The "Tijipanas" is a ship of 2,444 tons, and is commanded by Captain Weide. She last visited Hongkong on January 18th, leaving the following day for Dutch East Indies ports.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. Hyson, Capt. H. Nicholas, 4,193 tons, arrived yesterday at 7.30 a.m. from Shanghai with one bag of mail.

The s.s. Hong Moh, Capt. Mason, 2,562 tons, arrived yesterday at 10.30 a.m. from Singapore with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. Tung Shing, Capt. H. Udden, 768 tons, arrived yesterday at 7.30 p.m. from Pakhoi with 5 bags of mail and 408 pigs.

The s.s. Taisema, Capt. F. X. Maher, 402 tons, arrived yesterday at 3.30 p.m. from Hoihow with 400 tons of general cargo and 5 bags and 3 baskets of mail.

The s.s. Nikko Maru, Capt. M. Yoshikawa, 3,076 tons, arrived yesterday at 8.35 a.m. from Manila with 41 bags of mail and 536 tons of flour, milk, silver, provision etc.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. Nikko Maru, Captain Yoshikawa sailed for Yokohama via Shanghai at 11 a.m. to-day.

The s.s. Chipshing, Captain Matthews sailed for Tientsin at noon to-day with 1,500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. Ecuador, Capt. Yardley, sailed for San Francisco via Shanghai at noon to-day with 2,000 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. Jade, Capt. Corneira, sailed for Haiphong via Hoihow at 10 a.m. to-day with 400 tons of general cargo.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

SATURDAY, March 27, 1920

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58 Boiler Tubes 3" x 41"

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Hongkong, March 24, 1920.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB.

A MEETING OF BRITISH CATHOLICS is held TO-MORROW EVENING at 8.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road, with the object of establishing a Catholic Men's Club. A circular letter, with the proposed Rules, has been sent out. Should there be any British Catholics who have not received the circular, they are also cordially invited to be present.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

THE FINAL OF THE BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE Colony between Mr. P. A. Yvanovitch and Mr. S. Gaar, takes place this evening commencing at 6 p.m. sharp. At 500 there will be an interval of one hour for dinner.

The winner will meet Mr. K. K. Lacro, (the holder) in the Challenge Round on FRIDAY, the 26th instant.

R. H. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 24, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

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Valuable Household Furniture, etc., etc., therein contained.

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Also
One Piano by Challen & Son, London, in first class condition.

Catalogues will be issued.

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HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 24, 1920.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "SEINYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

The above named Steamer having arrived Wednesday, March 24, 1920, consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Wednesday, 30th instant.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined, on Wednesday, 31st inst. at 11 A.M.

No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the steamer or Godown and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

T. DAIGO, Manager.

Hongkong, March 24, 1920.

A FAMILY NECESSITY.

EVERY family should be provided with Chamberlain's Pain Balm at all times. Sprains may be cured in much less time when promptly treated. Lame back, lame shoulder, pains in the side and chest, and rheumatic pains are some of the diseases for which it is especially valuable. Try this liniment and become acquainted with its qualities and you will never wish to be without it. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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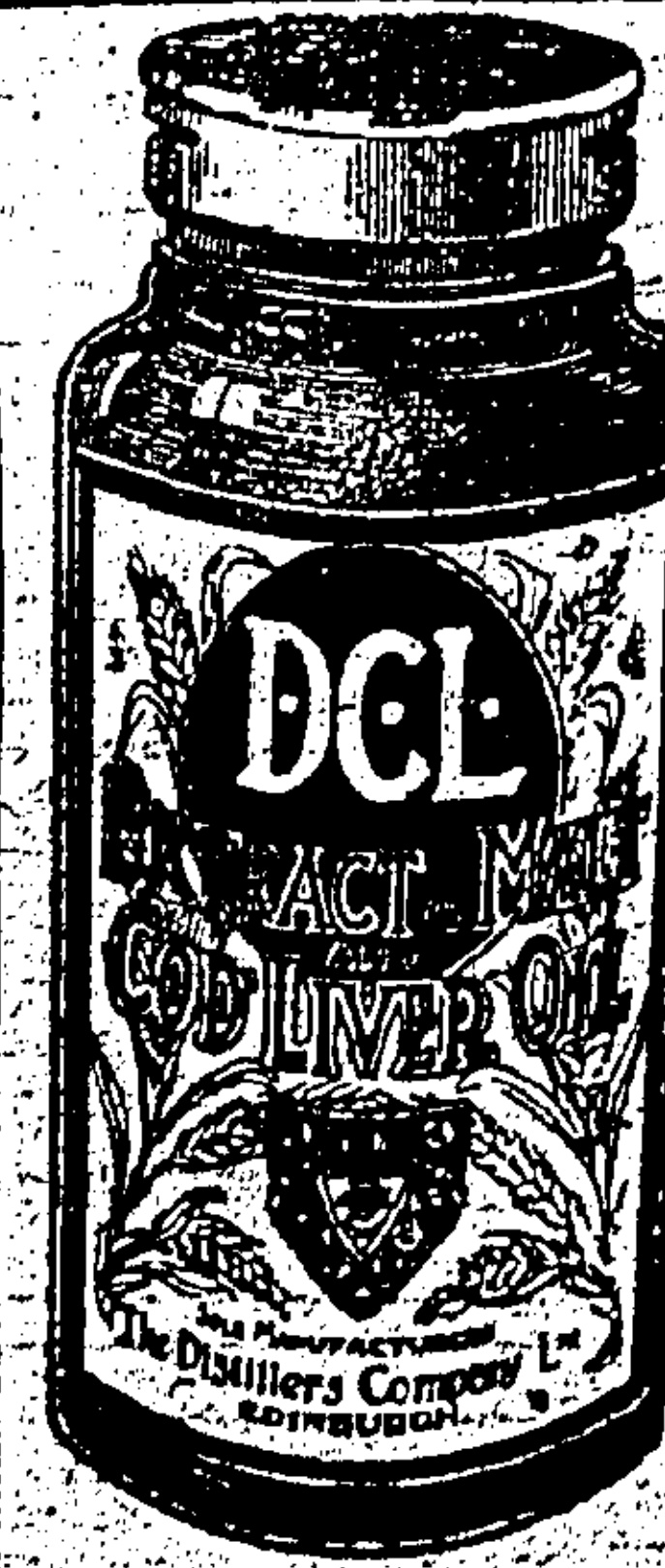
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Americans are the champion stamp collectors of the world. There is at present a larger demand on the London stamp market from the United States than from any other country. The biggest and most valuable collections still are mostly European, but with other desirable possessions, the tide sets steadily across the Atlantic.

In pre-war days Germany ranked next in collecting enthusiasm; now some of her best stamps, being things so easily portable and concealable, are finding their way out of the country by clandestine means; stamp smuggling is a fact. Legitimate purchases by foreigners, paid for in depreciated marks, are helping the depletion of her stores. A flood of old German stamps is finding its way to London and Paris, and eventually to New York, and will be quickly absorbed by collectors.

A WORLD-WIDE HOBBY.
After America and Germany, the most collectors were to be found in Britain and France, each easily supreme in the stamps of its own empire. But the taste for stamps is now world-wide and by no means confined to the white race. It is shared by Hindus and Japanese in particular and is rapidly extending among them.

Stamp collecting is a hobby that makes for intelligence and education. Who that is not strangely well up in geography, or the owner of a recent album, can answer offhand in asked the whereabouts of Anjouan, Benadir, Djibouti, or Elobey, Annobon, and Carisco? That last magnificent Elobey, Annobon and Corisco reminds one of a Surrey signpost. "To Margery, Cheseley Town and Mogador," it has the same magic ring to its termination. What music great Milton would have made of the names in the modern album anyone knows who is familiar with his lines.

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NO LONGER A SCHOOLBOY GAME.
Time was when collecting was mainly confined to schoolboys. They were fortunate who held on to the stamps. Values have increased out of all recognition. Now the hobby is patronized by people in every rank of life—King George is well known to have one of the finest collections in existence and actually paid the highest price on record for a single stamp. This was \$7,250 for a 2d. "Post Office" Mauritius stamp from a long forgotten schoolboy collection. It was recognized by a friend of the owner and put up to auction with no idea that it would reach such a high figure.

FEW TREASURES IN SCHOOLBOY ALBUMS.

But all stamps are not rare and the schoolboy album that yields a treasure is very much the exception. The vast majority of stamps never will be rarities. Most stamps are issued by millions and worth only a few cents a pound as "packet fillers."

SELL BY THE POUND.

Wholesale dealers purchase cheap stamps by weight, 50 cents a pound and up, and they are delivered in quite sizeable sacks. Very different is the treatment accorded rarities, secluded singly or in strips in special envelopes, never directly fingered, but held up for close examination by a pair of tongs manipulated with remarkable skill.

Age, also, is no indication of value. Some extremely rare stamps have been issued in the last five years. Some of the cheapest stamps were issued fifty years ago.

Prices running to over \$5,000 for one stamp are exceptional and are a tribute to the rareness of issues of British Guiana and Mauritius and the competition for them, but the value of collections may be very many thousands, indeed. One of the finest, said to be worth 12 million dollars, was made by the late Philippe von Ferray in Paris, left in his will to the Postal Museum at Vienna but now in the possession of the French government.

Many collectors think nothing of spending \$250 or \$500 in an almost casual visit to a dealer in rare stamps. But the bulk of the sale

TRUE ORIGIN OF THE MEXICAN NATION.

SAN JUAN PYRAMIDS.

DISCOVERY OF HIEROGLYPHICS SIMILAR TO CHINESE SYMBOLS.

Hieroglyphics, recently discovered on the foundation stones of the pyramids of San Juan Teotihuacan, 27 miles north-east of Mexico City, may solve the problem that has perplexed historians and archaeologists for centuries as to the true origin of the Mexican nation. These strange, carvings are said by some authorities to be Chinese, thus tending to bear out the old tradition that in the dim past wandering tribes from China crossed to a new continent, settled within the present boundaries of Mexico and became the progenitors of the race which now dominates this Republic.

CHINESE CHARACTERS RECOGNIZED.
So interesting are the recent discoveries that the Bureau of Anthropology has been instructed to conduct a vigorous research and in this connection, Fong Tsang Kuang, Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Legation in Mexico, visiting the pyramids, stated that the hieroglyphics were similar in many respects to certain symbols now in use by the Chinese. He declared that the words "Sun," "City" and "Eye" were clearly depicted, Mexican anthropologists who have interested themselves in the discovery have declined to pass final judgment until further excavations are made, and more evidence obtained.

THE TWO PYRAMIDS.

The little village of San Juan Teotihuacan which in the Aztec language meant "City of the Gods" was in the early days of Aztec history the scene of extraordinary religious ceremonies. The two pyramids, one dedicated to The Sun and the other to the Moon, are known to have been the tombs in which hundreds of tribal dignitaries were buried and excavators have exhumed wrought-iron swords, terra-cotta heads with broad faces and flat noses, fragments of rare pottery and great number of arrowheads. One of the most important discoveries was a jadeite mask of some past monarch with the brow covered with the diadem known to early Mexican history. Known to the Sun measures 761 x 721 feet at the base and is 215 feet high, the one to the Moon is 511 x 425 feet at the base and is 151 feet high. The both contain numerous chambers and their several stories are complete temples in themselves, but connected by winding stairs.

The inscription having Chinese characteristics were discovered through excavating in the ruins of what has generally been known as La Ciudadela (The Citadel), but which, according to recent reports, of investigators, is what is left of a pyramid larger and perhaps older than the two pyramids to the Sun and the Moon.—Reuter.

are to those who spend a few dollars for pleasure and profit combined. Stamps seldom depreciate over a number of years and advantage is taken of this fact. The number of enthusiastic recruits is constantly increasing and with the growth and spread of prosperity will increase with still greater rapidity. The supply of stamps may seem large, but the demand is more than equal to it. "OLD ENVELOPES" at \$50 EACH.
Non-collectors at times are completely ignorant of the value of old stamps. The number of different stamps issued in computed at over two hundred thousand and in constantly being added to—Poland already has marketed over four hundred. A good average collection must run into thousands and it is plain that specialization, from chance or choice, is often advisable. Sirmoor has issued only a few stamps, yet there exists a collection running into thousands, based on the slight differences in the printing of stamps, according to their position on the one plate, differences caused by minutes flaws.

"SINK OF INIQUITY."

SHANGHAI—NO PLACE FOR
A UNIVERSITY.

CHINESE VIEWS.

The editor of the "Chung Hwa Sing," in the following article, denounces the choice of Shanghai as the site for the proposed South-Western University. We read:—
The Southern Military Government has decided to found the South-Western University in Shanghai. Some people disapprove of the site and Mr. Chen Tushu is one of them. I am rather in favour of Mr. Chen's argument.

A FUGITIVE ASYLUM.
People always consider Shanghai as the centre of civilization and the hub of public opinion. We deny this absolutely. The value of Shanghai lies in the fact that it is a place of commerce and an asylum for fugitive officials and capitalists. Except for this, it has nothing to recommend it. As to the foreign residents, they are convenient resorts for drinking and flirting and men who live within these settlements are liable to become demoralized. The settlements offer no political freedom to the Chinese residents, and nothing except all sorts of vices and evil temptations. According to our opinion, Shanghai is the most unsuitable place for education. Although Shanghai is provided with good facilities for communications and has many schools, the records of the schools are not as good as those of the schools in Tientsin and Peking. It is because Shanghai society is too immoral.

FREEDOM NEEDED.
Furthermore, education must be free and independent; and these conditions are unobtainable in the settlements. We should know that the Chinese people only enjoy non-political freedom in Shanghai. Even to-day, no Chinese is admitted to the Shanghai Public Gardens. Can our people study in such a place and speak of the independence of education?

UNDER FOREIGN POWERS.
The chief studies of the South-Western University are the courses of letters and the sciences. It would be of no use to study ideals and philosophy and our own national civilization under the government of foreign powers. It is necessary, in our opinion, that the students be in touch with Chinese society, before they can know the Chinese conditions of the country and before they can develop their own their thoughts. Shanghai is a special society, an international market, and students residing within this territory can have no new ideas of their own except ideas reflected from translations. Although Peking is a very dull place, it is, nevertheless, a good place for education, because students living in this part of the country are in close touch with Chinese political, society, and receive all sorts of constant political stimulus and oppression which will enable them to develop independent thought and moral character; whereas in Shanghai, the students only obtain superficial education and translated ideas. The latter kind of students are only fit for translation work for life and cannot do great things of consequence.

In saying this, we do not want purposely to discredit all the good points of the Shanghai schools. But in view of the decision of the South-Western Military Government to establish the South-Western University here we cannot but declare the grounds on which the establishment of a University in Shanghai is absolutely undesirable. It is to make any concession from our position, we would only concede to the extent that the courses of commerce and industry may be conducted in Shanghai, but the course of Letters and the Sciences, never! We wish the organizers of the University to consider our words carefully.

NAVY ASKS FOR \$2,700,000 FOR SECOND AIRSHIP.

Washington, February 11.—Two super-dirigibles, the largest in the world, are planned by the Navy, and one of them now being built in England will attempt a transatlantic flight next fall, Captain Craven, director of naval aviation, today told the House Naval Committee. American naval officers and enlisted men who will fly the British-built ship to America are in England training for the flight.

In asking \$2,700,000 for the construction of a second super-dirigible, Captain Craven said this vessel would be fifty feet longer than the British built craft, which is 644 feet in length. *San Francisco Chronicle.*

A DEADLY COCKTAIL.

POTS TWENTY-FIVE
PERSONS IN HOSPITAL.

Chicago Police are searching for the maker of a kind of "coroner's cocktail," more deadly in its effect than wood alcohol.
Twenty-five victims of the drink are in hospitals in a serious condition, and one has already died.
An analysis of the home-made liquor showed the ingredients to be nitro-benzol and grain alcohol.

ACCENT.

Everybody else speaks with an accent. Scotsmen declare that Englishmen speak English with an English accent, and Englishmen declare the Scotsmen don't. Certain Englishmen are apt to say that they speak with the accent becoming people of culture, and certain Scotsmen say that they speak with no accent at all. And so they go on. After all, it is not a question of "some does, and some doesn't," but one must honestly admit that in the matter of accent "Everybody's doing it." We have all got accents, just as we have all got poor relations; but the truth is that some people's are poorer than others'. And just as some people try to hide the fact of their having poor relations, so do others spend the better part of a life-time in attempting to veil that accent which they ought to be proud to inherit. As I used to be told on those occasions when I was about to be beaten with rods for the heinous offence of smoking brown paper and tea-leaves, it was not the mere fact of smoking tea-leaves and paper that constituted the offence, but the attempt to hide it with peppermint and prevarication. In the same way one may say that it is not the accent of the man from Lancashire that offends the ear of the man of culture from Leeds or Glasgow, but the appalling result of his attempt to gloss over the plain oak of his Manchester with a very amateur coat of Kerling-ton-sum-Kernington. It never pays. Manchester doesn't take either oil or varnish. I have known more than one man from Lancashire try for the better part of a life-time to produce a really smooth and glossy surface—one which might have deceived even Professor Skeat who once said that he had discovered throughout England at least one hundred different ways of pronouncing the letter A—but all failed when they came to the corners. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?" sang the Hebrew poet; and had he lived in these latter days he might well have added, even at the expense of breaking his metre, "or the Lancashire man his final 'G's'?" It can't be done. If these few lines should meet the eye of any young man (or woman) who has lately come out from Lancashire or anywhere else where people talk as though they had lived somewhere, let them be to him (or her) a serious warning against the danger of under-taking the impossible.

Most Scotsmen are content to remain Scotsmen, though some find it a hard task at first when they come out East, especially on Sundays. Still, the greater part of those whose early days were spent in that land where treacle is not allowed on porridge do somehow or other manage to go on being bewayed by their speech until the end of the chapter. And one must admire them for it, even if some of them cannot very well help it. The admirable trait in the character of the Scot in this respect is not that he does not succeed in varnishing himself, but that he so rarely tries. He goes on through life exactly as his mother intended that he should, with a good Scots tongue in his head. He is oft bewayed, but his bewayal seems to be "Domie, mon, I'm a Scotsman. It's no mi accent. I've got nae accent. Mon! It's mi character!"

Then there is the Cockney. The gloss theory does not apply to him (or her). It couldn't if it tried. There never was, and I doubt if there ever will be a Cockney who succeeded or will succeed in persuading a single drop of varnish of any description to set hard upon the oily surface of his (or her) speech. Many have tried, but without a single exception, they have failed. If nature and your mother intended you to say the Cockney for "Oh!—well, you will go on saying it however many rupees a month you (or in the case of a lady, her husband) may be drawing. Anything else is quite out of the question. There is, I believe, definite documentary evidence of several men from Lancashire who have succeeded in saying "coming" and "singing" quite nicely, just as though they had been really well brought up. All honour to them, theirs was a long and weary struggle, and they conquered by enduring hardness even to the end. But search where and how long you will, you will not find any reliable record of a Cockney who ever managed to say "Oh!" as they do in Inverness, and Dublin, and New York and Melbourne and other great literary centres where English is spoken as she ought to be spoke. I once had a friend whose mother intended that he should say "bile" when other people said "boil." We were at school, and at that age when spades are not generally known as shovels! The unfortunate boy was at once known; sometimes as Bile and at others as Beans, the connection being obvious in those days. For the space of six years the poor fellow in disobedience to both father and mother laboured hard in order that he might say "boiling point," on chemistry days at any rate. He never did. He couldn't. But one day it suddenly dawned upon him that as a matter of fact he never had said "boiling-point," but that the whole thing was a case of egg-strain and he shouted triumphantly:—"You rotten rotters! What rot you are talking! I never did say 'boiling-point.' You've been pulling my leg the whole time!" Well, what did you say?—I inquired one of his persecutors. "I said 'biling-pint'!"

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

GENERAL MEETING.

Members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club met at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s board room last evening to consider proposals for improving the financial position of the Club. Mr. G. M. Young, presided.

The Committee's proposals were—
(1.) That the monthly subscription of members should be increased from \$5 to \$7 per month.
(2.) That the monthly fee paid by subscribers be raised from \$2 to \$3.
(3.) That ladies pay a subscription of \$3 monthly and be elected by ballot.
(4.) That a house be purchased for the occupation of the steward at Fankling.
(5.) That certain improvements and alterations be made to the Club building at Fankling.

It was pointed out by the Chairman that it was essential to have a bungalow for the steward of the Club if the place was to be looked after properly. The bungalow, at present used, could be purchased at a reasonable figure. The only possible way to do that and meet the other expenditure was by increasing the subscriptions all-round. The monthly subscriptions should be raised from \$5 to \$7. Absent members' subscriptions should be raised from \$2 to \$5; non-playing members' subscriptions should be raised from \$3 to \$4, that the monthly fee for subscribers should be raised from \$2 to \$3 and that ladies members of whom there were 145 (48 absent) should pay a subscription of \$3 a month. By that means they would be able to increase the revenue approximately by \$17,000 per annum. The Chairman also stated that the present room accommodation should be enlarged and he was of the opinion that the verandahs should be carried into the corners of the Club-house and that a sloping-roof should extend right round, so that it could be closed and made into a winter garden, if necessary. He thought the necessity for increased accommodation was so apparent that it must be considered either now or at some near date. The Chairman further mentioned that the overdraft at the bank had increased by about \$10,852 since the end of the last financial year. About \$6,000 of that sum had been spent in laying out the new course.

The proposals were subjected to a good deal of criticism. It was pointed out that the fee paid by subscribers before the war was \$5, and that during the war it was reduced to \$2. No explanation was forthcoming as to why it was now only to be raised to \$3. The difficulty of hallooting for lady members who were wives or daughters of the members was urged, and objection was raised to meeting capital expenditure entirely out of revenue. Eventually an amendment was carried postponing the discussion of the Committee's proposals until the members have been supplied with balance sheets detailing the accounts of the Club for the last three years; the present financial position; and a synopsis of what is wanted to be done and the estimated expenditure on the same.

replied the hopeless one. He is now a man of some distinction, getting I don't know how many thousands of rupees a month and driving a car about the length of a cricket pitch; but he still says "biling-pint!"

Then there is the "chee-chee" which is nothing but an accent and not as some maintain, a dire disease. It's a terrible thing, all the same. Once you imbibe into your system (that's the best word I can think of) the intonation-germ of this dire discordant, symphony, this "Representation of (linguistic) chaos," spoken of by the prophet—I forget his name,—you can never sing the sweet music of your mother-tongue again as your mother sang it. If ever you hear a single "Modi" of this strange chromatic melody, which threatens to cling to you and haunt you morn, noon, and night, after the manner of the Salut D'Amour, or the 5-4 movement in the Pathetic symphony, or Yip-I-Addy go home at once and count imaginary sheep passing through an imaginary gap until all goes blue. Don't give way to it; if you do, you are done, you are undone, you are dyne for. Think just for a moment, my dear young man,—you who have just come East to make a name for yourself, and money enough to pay your passage back home after five years.—Try to imagine what your dear father would think and say if he heard you exclaim:—"How now, man! Why, now, then!" And you, my dear young lady,—you who have just come out three in a cabin to this golden city of chits and cheats, of silks and stinks, as a bride or a bride-to-be. Imagine what your dear mamma at home would think and say if she heard you exclaim:—"Why! How now, then! Quick, quick! Oh my!"

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DEMPSEY APPEALS TO BOXING BOARD.

New York, Jan. 31.—In reply to resolutions adopted by various posts of the American Legion, referring to the fact that he was not in uniform during the war with Germany, Jack Dempsey, champion heavyweight, has telegraphed to the Army, Navy, and Civilian Board of Boxing Control in this city asking for a complete investigation of his activities while hostilities were on.

Dempsey in his telegram denies that he made any attempt to dodge the draft, and offers to furnish proof to establish that claim.

The telegram from Dempsey was received in New York last night, and the Arbitration Committee of the Board of Control will decide at an early date whether or not it should comply with Dempsey's suggestion that an investigation of his war record be held.

The telegram follows:—
Major Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, President Army, Navy, and Civilian Board of Boxing Control, 340 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y.

"Last June you gave to me a boxer's license, No. 2, which certified on the face of it that I had a clean and honourable record as a boxer. Since that time a few posts of the American Legion, which are not in any way familiar with my record, adopted resolutions condemning me as a 'draft dodger' in the late war, an indictment wholly unsupported by facts.

"What I have done has been to follow implicitly the instructions given to me by the representatives of the Government. The slogan at that time was, follow the government's instruction. That applied to me as to every other citizen in the United States, and I was carrying out their orders and abiding by their instructions, and I was not a 'draft dodger' as these few Legion posts have declared and who base their decision on false evidence, through persons who are trying to put them ever to further their own selfish interests. Am I to be crucified and condemned because I followed the orders given to me by the Government?

"This is an appeal to you as a body of thorough and honourable sportsmen whose aim has always been justice and fairness and a square deal for all, to investigate this matter thoroughly, and if I am innocent of the charge of 'draft dodger,' clear me publicly before the world, and if I am guilty, condemn me.

"I will either present myself personally for examination by your board, or submit to you, upon telegraphic request, a complete statement of my activities during the war in affidavit form, and I agree to abide by your final decision in the matter, as to be misjudged without a chance to prove my innocence is cruel, and I feel that your honourable board will at least see that justice will be done to me.—Cablenews American.

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"REPENTANCE OF THE SWORE."

At the Magistracy this morning, before Mr. R. O. Hutchison, Sergt. Cockle of No. 2 Police Station, charged a Norwegian ship's officer named Everet Eulissen, the holder of a British ticket, with being drunk and disorderly in Wanchai yesterday. The defendant admitted the charge, and ask to be given a chance, promising to go straight in the future.

Sergt. Cockle said he saw the defendant fighting with a Chinese yesterday afternoon, but as he had some other work of greater importance to attend to at the time, he did not take the defendant into custody. When he returned to the station in the evening, he found the defendant in the cell. He was arrested by P.C. Woods who found him lying drunk and incapable outside a private house.

His Worship: Is there anything known about this man?

Sergt. Cockle: Yes, your Worship, this is the third time he has been in trouble. He was arrested in Wanchai once before, for being drunk, but pleaded for a chance, and the Police released him. About a month ago, he was arrested by Insp. Watt, and charged with obtaining goods by false pretences from Messrs Cassam Ahmed and Co., Indian silk merchants. He attributed the offence to drink, and asked for a chance, promising to give up drink and to find a ship. He never kept that promise, and had been on the booze for the last six months. He lost his post of Chief Officer on a ship on account of drink. The Harbour Master put him up at the Sailors' Home, and got him a ship, but he did not keep that job long. Then he was found to be a hopeless case, and was turned from the Home. He is destitute now, and has not got a cent.

Defendant: I have no money, your Worship, but I have a big trunk of clothing at the Astor House, and if your Worship will give me just one more chance, I promise you faithfully to go back to the hotel and tidy up and look for a job. I will keep away from drink, and you will not see me here again.

His Worship: But you have had your chance already, and you have not succeeded in keeping straight.

Defendant: I ask you for just one more chance, your Worship. I have never been in jail before. I have no money to pay a fine, but I have knocked out three gold teeth from my mouth, and I think I can get some money for them.

Sergt. Cockle said the defendant knocked out the teeth in the cell last night to raise money to bail himself out.

Defendant: I have a British ticket, and I can easily find a job.

Sergt. Cockle: I know, I have seen your ticket, but you will never get a billet until you leave off the drink.

His Worship: If you have no money to pay the fine, there is no other alternative but to go to jail. You have had your chance, and you can't expect to be given a chance every time.

Sergt. Cockle suggested that it would do the defendant good if he went to the jail hospital.

Defendant: I hope you will give me a chance.

Mr. Smith: The sentence will do you a lot of good. It will help you to go straight. \$10 fine, or seven days' imprisonment. The defendant left the Court apparently on the verge of tears.

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